



SB6 Stakeholders Consortium Meeting December 11, 2019

Meeting Notes

Panelists: Tracy Winchester DOR Scott McKimmey DOR Rick Maiden OIT

Purpose of the meeting:

SUTS Software Project Status Report and to gather input on user stories for the portal.

Scott – vendor selection: selected multiple vendors, dispute period ends Friday (December 13th) One vendor for the tax matrix, one vendor for portal. One of the vendors will update the GIS, tax matrix, etc. Contract target date is next Friday (12/20). We should have vendors on board by the end of year.

We found a vendor that encompasses both the matrix and GIS boundary information. OIT role has shifted a bit to support the vendors.

Xcel Energy – is looking for boundary polygons, per Scott we should be able to support.

There was an offer to have businesses help with the testing.

Some confusion about the role of Lat/Long coordinates, how much those will be required for businesses to use – Need to discuss at the next meeting.

Concern was raised about hold harmless, audits, and how to report errors. Auditors will find soft spots (e.g. look at the dates immediately following a rate change)

Tracy asked the questions regarding licensing and registration in the presentation. (Slide 2) The registration process has a lot of mandatory questions, requires a lot of overhead, and time required to complete. Mix and match issues, e.g. I have a physical location in CO, but I'm shipping from a location outside the state. Question B is problematic.

“Inform people in the process of registering” Register everywhere and register wherever I expect to do business.

How do you input your data? Do you use Excel or XML?

Xcel Energy uses XML for filing and remittance. Some companies need both.

Don't want to delay getting the payment credited (issue: no account number), otherwise it may never get done, or may be subject to late fees. Process the payment, and sort it out later seems to be the consensus.

Everyone that has an EIN will have a state ID by virtue of registering to use the system. There was a general concern about how to deal with remittances that can't be attributed to an account or local license.

Need to be able to save work in progress, review, save and come back, then submit. Error checking on files PRIOR TO final submits. May not be able to check the accounting, but some errors can be checked before the final submission. Once filed, the remedy is an amended return.

Jenn Penn (SIMCO) raised a concern that her organization has a wide variety of needs in regards to the Use Tax question and issues. She is willing to take the question to her board, but needs some more context and information. Would prefer to have someone from the SUTS team for the conversation.

License fees questions: SUTS project does not and cannot deal with business licenses.

Jenn Penn suggested thinking ahead about how we want things to be for Sales Tax licensing in-state vs. out-of-state businesses, and license threshold revenue levels. Zero license fees would simplify things overall.

Next meeting date TBD